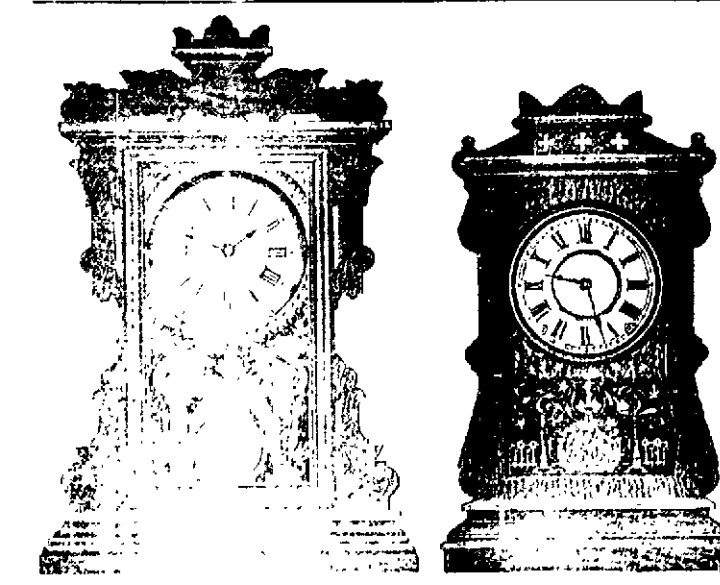


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We are carrying the greatest line of CLOCKS ever shown by any house in Decatur, all the Old Reliable SETH THOMAS make. We have them in all kinds of WOOD, ONYX, MARBLE, GLASS, NICKEL, and in fact in every style they are made.

This is the time of year you need a New Clock. We shall be glad to show you at any time.



OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,
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We have left behind us another milestone on the highway of our business career, and are now entering upon the 37th year of catering to the wants of the public.

We will, as heretofore, aim to please, and you can rest assured that the best of everything to be found in a first-class market will always be offered you.

Thanking you for past patronage bestowed and respectfully soliciting a continuance of the same we remain,

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SPRING IS COMING
And you will want your Carpets cleaned.

ELECTRIC CLEANSER
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KING & WOOD.

WEDNESDAY EVE, MARCH 9, 1892

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce that A. M. FAY is a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

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THE COUNTY BOARD.

Looking at Ben's Bridge—E. J. Roberts in the Chair.

In the absence of C. H. Garver this morning, Supervisor E. J. Roberts, of Illinois township, presided at the meeting of the county board this forenoon.

A number of bills were referred and the county farm school tax a matter of \$40 annually was referred to Supervisor Barber.

Supervisor Hamilton, Barley, and Muldoon, who for Macon county, attended the state convention of supervisors which met at Peoria in January, presented a written report on the business of the convention.

There were various resolutions adopted, which the delegates said, if put in force, would not doubt be beneficial to the paupers and indigent children of Macon and other counties.

Among the resolutions were these: That the names of all persons receiving aid from the county be published in the proceedings of the board. That all mortgages be exempt from taxation.

The road and bridge committee, Supervisors Miller, Dickson, Aumann, Davidson and Newell, with Chairman Garver, visited Ben's bridge to-day to make a report on the condition of that unsafe structure.

The resignation of Frank W. Hardy, appointed election judge in the fourth district, was accepted.

A petition was presented from property owners in Whitmore and Oakley townships asking that the county stand half the expense of putting up a new iron bridge across the Sagamore in place of the old Ben bridge, which is a wooden structure now in a very dangerous condition.

It is going to ruin rapidly. The cost of the iron bridge will be about \$5,000. The petition was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Supervisor Singleton's resolution that the building committee secure estimates on wiring the new court house for electric light was adopted.

A communication from State Treasurer Wilson was to the effect that he had in his office cancelled Macon county bonds and coupons amounting to \$940,789.75. These would be surrendered to the authorities upon proper demand being made.

Supervisor E. J. Roberts offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the county clerk to make formal application for the return of all evidence of the county's indebtedness, now in the hands of the state treasurer.

W. A. Holman, overseer of the poor for Decatur township, presented his report for the three months ending March 8. This quarter probably makes the heaviest drain upon the county treasury of any three months of the year in that department.

The report, which was ordered read, made the following showing: Coal furnished to paupers, \$21,740; provisions, \$2,175; shoes, \$174.40; transportation for paupers, \$81.50; dry goods, clothing, etc., \$23.60; feeding transient, \$50.00; funeral expenses, \$237.50; these totals were evidently not extravagant.

For the three months ending March 8, the average was less than \$14. Six persons were sent to the poor house.

Let Our Citizens Respond.

We are in danger of losing one of the new and important industries, of which we have been boasting. This proposition came to Decatur without asking a bonus or favor of any kind, and at once established a substantial factory, exporting to better to take a loan for a few years and pay interest rather than rent. In this way he could secure just the accommodations desired and suitable to his business.

He felt assured he could borrow \$4,000 on the building, but in this his hope was disappointed. It is difficult to find one in ample and our citizens should at once see that the money is forthcoming. It is suggested that four persons loan \$1,000 each, the loan to be to a trustee they may select, and who will represent all alike. This is the quick way. The matter was submitted to one of our financiers this morning and he at once said his house would take \$1,000. Now let this matter be closed up quickly.

Learning that the gentleman was in the embarrassed condition, and a comparative stranger, J. M. Coker suggested the above as a way out of the difficulty, and asked that parties with money to loan at once report. It is the credit of our city that the enterprise be at once put in shape to open out for the spring trade. The party asked no favor, in willing to pay 7 per cent and give security on real estate that is ample.

At the Play.

Cora Tanner, the emotional actress, who manifestly possesses more reserve power than she cares to display, and in many plays excites admiration, at one of the most beautiful American theatres, appeared on the stage, appeared before a good-sized audience at the Grand Hotel, as "Isabel Spencer" in the American drama "Will She Divorce Him?"

It is a simple story of fashionable life, in which tell-tale hints and two smooth plotters, one a woman and the other a foreigner, take a prominent part, and at the last there is a make-believe divorce and a complete reconciliation of husband and wife, while the real hero in the self-sacrificing lawyer, who was the first true lover of the heroine. There was abundant emotion throughout the performance—enough to bring out all the handkerchiefs in the balcony and in the parquet. The support was fairly good.

Candidate for Delegate at Large.

In the next National Republican convention at Minneapolis, Illinois will have eight delegates at large. The colored Republican voters of the state will have one representative in the delegates. At least two candidates are now before the people, one of whom, in Supervisor H. Singleton, of Decatur, whose many colored and white friends metaphorically taken off their coats and are working valiantly in his interest. Mr. Singleton has a wide acquaintance in the state, especially throughout central and southern Illinois. He has attended a number of party conventions as a delegate and has always acquitted himself with credit and honor to himself and his party. Mr. Singleton should be selected as the delegate at large to represent his people.

Capital \$50,000.

The certificate of the incorporation of the Huff Brothers Lumber and Planing Mill Company of Decatur, was filed for record to-day. The capital is \$50,000, the stock taken as follows: Spencer E. Huff, \$22,400; Will J. Huff, \$22,400; B. F. Huff, \$4,500; and T. Warfield, \$700.

DEATH OF HON. E. O. SMITH.

A FORMER DECATUR CITIZEN OBEYS THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Sketch of His Eventful and Useful—Once Mayor of the City of Decatur.

This morning George W. Bright received a telegram from San Jose, Cal., stating briefly that Hon. E. O. Smith had died in that city last night of heart failure.

Mr. Smith had been in poor health for a number of months, but his friends here did not know that his illness was of a dangerous nature. To the old acquaintance and business associates of Mr. Smith the announcement of his death will be a shock and a surprise. His age was 75 years.

Mr. Smith, in his young manhood and in the prime of his life, was identified with the early history of Decatur, and to the interests of the city and its development he gave his best and his noblest efforts. He was largely of the pioneer type. He was mayor of the city in 1861 during the first year of the war, and in 1863 he represented this section of the state in the Illinois General Assembly as a state senator.

By lucky investments in California he formed the nucleus of a handsome fortune which he invested to good advantage in Decatur and Macon county. At the time of his death he owned part of the old Opera House block on North Water street, which he built, and he also owned one thousand acres of improved land in Macon county. Two years ago on his return from a tour of Europe with his family, Mr. Smith was in Decatur for the last time. He was a genial, public-spirited citizen, a man of keen judgment, benevolent and charitable, and a man who was held in high esteem by everybody who knew him.

The deceased was a son of Rev. James Smith, a popular and distinguished Methodist minister of Baltimore, Md. He was born in Montgomery county, Md., April 15, 1817, and when 15 years of age went to Washington City, where he clerked in a store. He returned to Baltimore and started for Ohio in 1841, then one of the frontier states. He walked a distance of 500 miles. At Springfield, Ohio, he was taught the carpenter's trade. He was at Montezuma and Terre Haute, Indiana, and came to Decatur in May, 1837. His first work here was to build a house for the late Capt. D. L. Allen on Water street, now occupied by J. C. Lusk. He built the old Macon Hotel, which until destroyed stood on the east side of Central Park, and also Spangler's mill. He was engaged in active business in Decatur until 1863, when he went to California, taking along a drove of cattle. He was gone two years and three months, and prospered by investments. On his return to Decatur, Mr. Smith put up many the buildings on Water street, and with the late Dr. Stapp put up stores on the south side of Central Park. He made a second trip to California in 1868 when he encountered many dangers and difficulties. He was attacked by typhoid and had to fight for his life. In the fall of 1869, Mr. Smith left his family to visit his son, who was then in Indiana. He came to Decatur by way of Cleveland, New Orleans and Cairo. In 1861 he was elected Mayor of Decatur. In 1864 he supported Lincoln for President and after the war he became a Democrat. In 1867 he was a member of the Illinois Constitutional convention, representing Pratt and Macon county territory. In 1868 he was elected state senator for Macon, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt and Macon counties, as a Whig. He was active in securing early railroads for Decatur.

Mr. Smith's first wife was Harriet Kroege, whom he married in May, 1843. She died in January, 1867. He married Mrs. Catharine Williams at Peoria, April 1869. He was the father of eleven children: Mrs. A. J. Gallagher, James L. and Edward O. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Lydia Adams for Texas, Rev. S. H. Hildreth, Mrs. Frank Moore, Mrs. L. A. Brown, Lowell and T. C. Smith and Gertrude Smith Walte and Kate Smith. All are living except T. C. Smith who died about a year ago.

Saloon of Rest Estate.

Landoline Young to Thos. J. Wright, the west half of the southwest quarter of 20, 15, 1 east; 80 acres in 21st Range, Township 36N, Range 10E, Sec. 36.

John S. Springer to James H. Keady, lot 12, block 2 of D. H. Cassel's sixth addition to Decatur—\$12,000.

Albert Nichols to Edward McGee, 788 acres in the northwest quarter of 15, 10, 2 east; in Pleasant View township—\$17,000.

G. Schriebl to A. Roginski, lot 12 in 160 of Carver's addition to Decatur—\$214.

John Dameron to H. H. Wase, 50 acres in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of 10, 10, 2 east; in Decatur township—\$5,000.

W. H. Hubbard to Mary C. Kinney, all his right to lot 6, H. S. Evans' subdivision in the northwest quarter of 15, 10, 2 east—\$1.

R. R. Montgomery and F. L. Smith to George L. Jones, lot 6, block 10, McGee's 2nd addition to Decatur—\$225.

Julia A. Williams to Virginia A. Hughes, the west half of Williams' first addition to Decatur—\$400.

John Crocker to Harriet J. Gault, deed to lots 20 and 21, block 4, Walker's addition to Decatur—\$250.

Fannie Kopler to John Bennett, quit claim to lots 14 and 15, block 11, in Marva—\$800.

Maffit for Commissioner.

Mr. D. A. Maffit is announced to-day as a candidate for the important position of Commissioner of Highways for Decatur township, subject to the action of the Republican convention. Mr. Maffit by his past services has demonstrated his fitness for the office of commissioner. He and his colleagues have given Decatur township the best of roads, and every year the gravel improvements have been extended as far as the town fund would permit. Further road improvements, particularly in the northeastern portion of the township, are under consideration. Mr. Maffit thoroughly understands the system. He is a good man to keep in the board. His nomination would be equivalent to election. Everybody knows "Doc" and he will be cordially supported for commissioner.

We will inaugurate next Monday in our China department our spring sale of toilet sets. If you expect to buy a new set when you clean house it will pay you to see these. They will be sold away down in price.

Orro E. Curtis & Bro.

CAME DOWN WITH A CRASH.

The Swaying Walls at the Burnt Library Block.

At a few minutes past 12 o'clock to-day, after the men had quit work, there were two loud crashes at the Burnt Library Block which caused more or less excitement in the vicinity of North Main and William streets.

The crash was the falling of the west end of the wall of the second building. The west wall, which as it stood reached to the corner, fell inward; the south wall, which was fully as high, fell outward into William street over the walk, taking down with it two of the city electric light wires. At first it was supposed that several men were buried beneath the brick and mortar, but eye-witnesses stated that there was no one about the building at the time, unless it might have been some boys who since the disastrous fire have been taking chances by climbing over the ropes and prowling around where there was danger; but thus far no one is reported missing. It is generally believed that no fatally attended the falling of the wall. Since the fire people generally have regarded the standing walls as dangerous, and they have wondered that they were not torn down as was part of the fire wall on the east side. The high wind to-day did the work. The walls swayed noticeably with the coming of each gust of wind, and finally down they came. The north wall at the corner is still standing. It is swaying in the wind this afternoon. Unless it is pushed over it will surely fall, and perhaps it will go northward and fall upon the old Hogen Union telegraph office is located. This afternoon T. T. Roberts, J. H. Randall and W. W. Foster were inspecting the walls with a view of arranging to have the unsafe walls torn down at once.

The wind was too high this afternoon for the men to work with safety, and the boss, W. W. Foster, told the laborers to take a half day off.

WEDDINGS.

Alter Bliss in Different Parts of the City.

At high noon to-day Rev. O. E. Torrey, of the Baptist church, officiated at a joyous wedding at the home of the bride, Miss Lillie E. Abbott, who was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest N. Brancher, of Chicago. The groom is an electrician. Guests from Lincoln and Champaign were present. A fine wedding dinner was served. The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Abbott, who reside at 1048 North Monroe street.

AT THE HOTEL.

The wedding of Mr. Horatio T. Leeper, of Macon, and Ada Agnes Arnold, of Mt. Auburn, was celebrated this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the parlors at the Hotel Brunswick in the presence of a number of friends of the happy couple, Rev. E. B. Ogden, of the Christian church, was the officiating clergyman.

AT THE RACE.

Judge Nelson had two marriages at his office this forenoon. The parties married were James Vickery and Miss Susan Law, both of Decatur; and Edward B. Moore, of Blue Mound, and Miss Katie Shaw, of Springfield.

The Late J. L. Robertson.

J. L. Robertson was born at Shelby, Ohio, January 6, 1833; died at Decatur, Ill., March 9, 1892, aged 59 years, 2 months and 3 days. After receiving a fair education at his home in Tiffin, Ohio, and at Oberlin College, he then spent some time in the hardware business of William Bingham & Co., Cleveland, Ohio. He then went on the road as a salesman for the Simmons Hardware Co. of St. Louis, and from 1885 to 1888 he traveled for Hubbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. of Chicago.

On November 2, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Watkins of Macon City, Ill. In the fall of '90 he purchased the hardware stock of Harman & Happer of Macon, Ill. His father, F. S. Robertson, acting as manager while he continued to travel. In 1890, having quit the road he opened a branch store in Decatur, and finding this a good point for business, he sold the Macon store and decided to make this city his home, and the business a success, which he was rapidly doing, as he was a thorough business man and understood the business in all its details, but owing to sickness he has not been able to attend to it for some time past.

About a month ago he took in J. B. Hinton as partner, under the name of the Decatur Hardware Co. He has always been an exemplary young man, and a favorite among his intimate acquaintances. About four months ago he united with the First Congregational church of this city and was making time to live a consistent life by making tithes by the side of his Savior.

He leaves a wife and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were members of the Congregational church, of which church he was a trustee.

Funeral from the home at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Spring Novelties.

We have just opened all the latest fads in jewelry "Bow Knots and "Finger de-lis" in lace pins, stick pins, hat pins, Challinor souvenir spoons and everything new you can imagine. These goods will interest you, because they are the latest things on the market.

9.46w1 Orro E. Curtis & Bro.

An Accident.

A machinist by the name Day, residing at 124 Green street and employed at Huff Bros' planing mill, had the misfortune to smash the thumb on his left hand this morning while at work. Dr. H. C. Jones dressed the injuries. The bone was badly smashed and several small pieces were removed.

The most reliable make of Ladies' Muffin Underwear and Corset Covers at \$1.00 a pair. Found at Linn & Scruggs, D. G. & C. Co.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder.

Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

ON TRIAL.

A Horse Debt Case From Harris-town in Court.

This forenoon, in the circuit court, Judge Vail and a jury resumed the hearing of evidence in the debt case of Dr. J. L. Connelly vs. Joseph Conaghan. The point at issue is a claim for the get of a colt by a Mammoth stallion owned by Connelly.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Frederick Minick et al vs. Martha Kullinski dower administration. Referred to master.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Village of Blue Mound vs. Thomas Doran and W. P. Shade, debt. Demurrer to plea.

J. H. Munry, sheriff, vs. Jordan L. Smith, vs. S. H. E. Warren vs. J. P. Keller, debt. Trial by jury. Verdict for plaintiff. Debt, \$698.25; damages, \$251.64.

Alexander M. Rorer and Frank T. Winter vs. John R. Douchery et al, ejectment. Continued.

Village of Blue Mound vs. Thomas Doran, appellant; appeal. Motion by defendant for continuance.

August Linstrom vs. Simon S. Shiller, trespass. Dismissed as per agreement on file.

John T. Ehrhart, for use of Mottie Scott, vs. Charles, Isaac & Co., guaranties. Continuance filed and case continued.

R. H. Woodcock, for use of W. B. Hunter, vs. John F. Huber and Anton Vollmar. Note on defendants to join issue by Wednesday morning next.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Fred Jones is visiting friends in Newtoma.

Sherry Jones left to-day for Chicago on business.

Nad Chasey of Cairo, Canada was in the city to-day.

R. J. Wray went to Champaign to-day on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ewing are in Springfield.

D. A. Maffit was at Konecy this afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Moll are visiting relatives in Matteson.

Miss Emma Mills, of Bloomington, is visiting Decatur friends.

Dr. W. M. Catto visited Springfield to-day on professional business.

Dr. J. H. Ulrich has returned from a business trip through Missouri.

Miss Pearl Pieckard, of Monticello, is the guest of Mrs. H. W. Bartholomew.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Aet, of 235 Short street, on Wednesday March 9, a son.

A. M. Seidler, a practicing a Chicago electric supply company, is in the city on business.

Miss Era Ridge of Danville, arrived in the city to-day to visit her sister, Mrs. W. G. Woods.

Rev. W. H. Musgrove, formerly of Stoughton, who is in the city to-day visiting friends.

Joseph Lapham of Chicago, member of the board and superintendent of Ferriss & Lapham, is in the city.

Mrs. George K. Horgan is entertaining Mrs. John B. Horgan and Mrs. Nellie O'Donnell, of Springfield.

DRESS GOODS!

For the Spring Season, 1892.

We are now showing RARE AND BEAUTIFUL STYLES in NEW SPRING WOOL FABRICS, comprising

The New Crepon Cloth, Elegant Bedford Cords, Vigoreaux Chevrons and Crepes, Birdseye and Beige Bedfords, Gloriosas and Silk Warp Henriettas, Serges, Whipcords and Bengalines, Plain and Jacquard Henriettas, New Tweeds and Cheviots, Paris Novelty Pattern Dresses.

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